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SUBJECT: SPANISH ARMS SALES TO LIBYA AND INDIA

1. WE UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE TO GOS OF ITS RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES AND APPRECIATE ITS ROLE AS PROTECTING POWER FOR USINT IN CAIRO. HOWEVER, WE WOULD REGARD IT AS INAPPROPRIATE, EVEN INCONGROUS, FOR USG TO AUTHORIZE AT THIS TIME SALE OF LETHAL MILITARY HARDWARE TO GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS JUST NATIONALIZED US OIL COMPANY, REFUSES TO ALLOW US DIPLOMATS TO ENTER LIBYA BECAUSE THEIR PASSPORTS ARE IN ENGLISH, AND WHOSE HEAD OF STATE HAS CALLED FOR QUOTE A SLAP AT THE ARROGANT FACE OF THE US. END QUOTE

2. REGARDING 106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES FOR INDIA, OUR ANSWER IS ALSO NEGATIVE. IN MARCH 1973 WE LIFTED TOTAL EMBARGO ON ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM US TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN
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AND RESUMED POLICY WHICH PERMITS ONLY EXPORTS OF NON-LETHAL

END-ITEMS AND LETHAL SPARES AND AMMUNITION FOR PREVIOUSLY
SUPPLIED US EQUIPMENT. WITH REGARD TO TRANSFER OF US
ORIGIN EQUIPMENT FROM THIRD COUNTRIES TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN,
IN THIS INSTANCE SPAIN, WE HAVE BEEN APPLYING SAME STAN-
DARD AS FOLLOWED FOR DIRECT SHIPMENTS. SINCE CURRENT
POLICY PRECLUDES DIRECT TRANSFER OF 106 MM RIFLES FROM US
TO INDIA, WE CANNOT AGREE TO THEIR SALE BY SPAIN. YOU
MIGHT POINT OUT THAT THIS PROHIBITION IS IN NO WAY AIMED AT
SPAIN BUT ALSO APPLIES TO AMERICAN FIRMS AS WELL AS ALL
FOREIGN POSSESSORS OF US-ORIGIN ARMS. ROGERS

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